

# Rossmoor Recycle Guide

## Remember to...

- ❖ Bag clean, dry, plastic bags inside a larger, plastic bag & knot shut, for RECYCLE.
- ❖ Bag shredded paper for RECYCLE.
- ❖ Bag Styrofoam peanuts for LANDFILL.
- ❖ Put everything loose in RECYCLE bins (except bags of bags or shredded paper).
- ❖ Empty jars & bottles, remove caps or lids, rinse & dry (or wipe out with spatula or paper towel) before RECYCLING.
- ❖ Put paper towels & napkins in COMPOST.

**When in doubt, keep out of RECYCLE  
and keep out of COMPOST!**

## ITEMS

- Aerosol can → **HAZARDOUS**  
Air pillow → **LANDFILL**  
Aluminum foil or pie plate (*if clean*) → **RECYCLE**  
Appliance → **RAPID RECYCLE**  
Automotive products → **HAZARDOUS**  
Bag, cellophane (*crinkles, not soft*) → **LANDFILL**  
Bag, paper (*clean, dry & empty*) → **RECYCLE**  
Bag, plastic (*if clean, dry & in bag of bags*) → **RECYCLE**  
Battery (*household*) → **MOD RECYCLE YARD**  
Biodegradable plastic → **LANDFILL**  
Book, hardback → **LANDFILL, LIBRARY, GOODWILL**  
Book, paperback → **RECYCLE or LIBRARY**  
Book: telephone, catalog, magazine → **RECYCLE**  
Bottle (*clean & dry without lid or cap*) → **RECYCLE**  
Box, cardboard (*if flat & fits easily in cart*) → **RECYCLE**  
Box, cardboard (*large or can't be flattened*) → **MOD**  
Box, paperboard (*detergent, cereal, shoe*) → **RECYCLE**  
Box: juice, frozen food, soup → **LANDFILL**  
Bubble wrap (*goes in with plastic bags*) → **RECYCLE**  
Bucket, plastic (*without handles*) → **RECYCLE**  
Can, metal (*clean & dry without lid*) → **RECYCLE**  
Candy wrapper → **LANDFILL**  
Cap or lid, metal (*no loose pull-tabs*) → **RECYCLE**  
Cap or small lid, plastic → **LANDFILL**  
Carpet, rug or padding → **HAUL to CCTF**  
Cash register receipt → **LANDFILL**  
Cell phone → **LIONS CLUB CUBBY at GATEWAY**  
Cellophane (*crinkles, not soft*) → **LANDFILL**  
Chopsticks (*metal, plastic or porcelain*) → **LANDFILL**  
Chopsticks (*wood*) → **COMPOST**  
Cleaning bottle (*if empty, clean & dry*) → **RECYCLE**  
Cleaning product (*like bleach or wax*) → **HAZARDOUS**  
Clothing or cloth fabric → **LANDFILL or GOODWILL**  
Coffee grounds & paper filters → **COMPOST**  
Compostable bag (*only if BPI-certified*) → **COMPOST**  
Compostable plastic → **LANDFILL**  
Computer & peripherals → **RAPID RECYCLE**  
Construction debris → **HAUL to CCTF**  
Corks → **LANDFILL**  
Cotton balls → **LANDFILL**  
Cup, paper → **LANDFILL**  
Cup, plastic (*if clean & dry*) → **RECYCLE**  
Cupcake paper liner → **COMPOST**  
Dish, ceramic or porcelain → **LANDFILL**  
Dust wipes → **LANDFILL**  
DVD or CD disc → **LANDFILL**  
Egg carton (*cardboard*) → **RECYCLE or COMPOST**  
Egg carton (*Styrofoam*) → **LANDFILL**  
Electronics & cables → **RAPID RECYCLE**  
Envelope → **RECYCLE**  
Eye glasses → **LIONS CLUB BIN at GATEWAY**  
Flashlight (*electronics*) → **RAPID RECYCLE**  
Flowers, leaves & twigs → **COMPOST**  
Food (*cooked or raw*) → **COMPOST**  
Food tray (*Styrofoam or plastic foam*) → **LANDFILL**  
Furniture (*only metal or wood*) → **MOD RECYCLE YARD**  
Furniture → **FREECYCLE or HAUL to CCTF**  
Gardening chemicals (*plant care*) → **HAZARDOUS**  
Gift wrap (*plain paper*) → **RECYCLE**  
Gift wrap (*shiny, fuzzy or metallic*) → **LANDFILL**  
Glass bottle or jar (*if clean & dry*) → **RECYCLE**  
Golf bag, stroller, bicycle → **HAUL to CCTF**  
Grease (*in sealed container*) → **HAZARDOUS**  
Hangers (*metal, plastic or wood*) → **LANDFILL**  
Hearing aids → **LIONS CLUB BIN at GATEWAY**  
Ice cream container or wrapper → **LANDFILL**  
Ice cream stick (*wood*) → **COMPOST**  
Juice pack containers → **LANDFILL**  
Junk mail (*paper or cardboard*) → **RECYCLE**  
Knife (*wrap safely, e.g., duct tape*) → **LANDFILL**  
Labels & name tags → **LANDFILL**  
Lamp (*electronics*) → **RAPID RECYCLE**  
Lid, plastic (*larger than a credit card*) → **RECYCLE**  
Light bulb (*fluorescent*) → **HAZARDOUS**  
Light bulb (*standard, LED or halogen*) → **LANDFILL**  
Mailer (*padded*) → **LANDFILL**  
Matches (*unused*) → **HAZARDOUS**  
Matches (*used*) → **COMPOST**  
Mattresses & box springs → **BAY AREA RECYCLE**  
Meat & fish bones, egg shells → **COMPOST**  
Medical equipment → **ILR or GOODWILL**  
Medical needles & syringes → **GATEWAY LOBBY**  
Medicine → **GATEWAY LOBBY**  
Metal pull-tab (*loose*) → **LANDFILL**

Milk carton (*plastic-coated cardboard*) → **LANDFILL**  
 Mirror → **LANDFILL or GOODWILL**  
 Newspaper → **RECYCLE or COMPOST**  
 Padded mailer → **LANDFILL**  
 Paint (*up to 5 gallons*) → **HAZARDOUS**  
 Paper (*carbon, fuzzy or metallic*) → **LANDFILL**  
 Paper (*colored & construction*) → **RECYCLE**  
 Paper (*computer or copy*) → **RECYCLE**  
 Paper napkin (*clean or dirty*) → **COMPOST**  
 Paper towel (*clean or dirty*) → **COMPOST**  
 Paper, butcher → **LANDFILL**  
 Parchment paper → **COMPOST**  
 Pen or pencil → **LANDFILL**  
 Pet food can (*if clean & dry*) → **RECYCLE**  
 Photos → **LANDFILL**  
 Pizza box → **COMPOST**  
 Plastic container (*if clean & dry*) → **RECYCLE**  
 Plastic, hard (*with or without a number*) → **RECYCLE**  
 Plate, ceramic or porcelain → **LANDFILL**  
 Plate, paper (*not shiny*) → **COMPOST**  
 Plate, paper (*with a shiny side*) → **LANDFILL**  
 Pot or pan (*aluminum or steel, no coating*) → **RECYCLE**  
 Prescription bottle (*empty, without cap*) → **RECYCLE**  
 Printer ink cartridge → **GATEWAY**  
 Propane cylinder → **HAZARDOUS**  
 Razor (*wrap safely like with duct tape*) → **LANDFILL**  
 Sanitary product or diaper → **LANDFILL**  
 Shredded paper (*bagged & knotted*) → **RECYCLE**  
 Smoke detector → **USPS.COM**  
 Snack wrapper → **LANDFILL**  
 Solvent → **HAZARDOUS**  
 Spiral notebook (*if wire is removed*) → **RECYCLE**  
 Styrofoam (*bag peanuts*) → **LANDFILL**  
 Suitcase → **GOODWILL, HAUL to CCTF**  
 Take-out box (*cardboard, not shiny*) → **COMPOST**  
 Take-out box (*hard plastic, wiped clean*) → **RECYCLE**  
 Take-out box (*shiny, dirty or Styrofoam*) → **LANDFILL**  
 Television (*electronics*) → **RAPID RECYCLE**  
 Thermometer → **HAZARDOUS**  
 Tissue wrapping paper (*colors OK*) → **RECYCLE**  
 Tissue, facial (*Kleenex*) → **LANDFILL**  
 Toilet paper → **LANDFILL**  
 Toothbrush → **LANDFILL**  
 Toothpick, wood → **COMPOST**  
 Tube (*from towel or toilet paper*) → **RECYCLE**  
 Utensils (*bamboo or wood*) → **COMPOST**  
 Utensils (*plastic, corn or potato starch*) → **LANDFILL**  
 Vacuum cleaner bag → **LANDFILL**  
 Waste, human or pet → **LANDFILL**  
 Waxed paper → **LANDFILL**  
 Wood products (*solid wood*) → **MOD RECYCLE YARD**

## PLACES

BAY AREA RECYCLE: Call (925) 465-5576 to schedule pickup of **mattress** and/or **box springs**. *There is a charge.*

FREECYCLE: A free, email group for giving away stuff others might want:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/walnutcreekfreecycle>

## GATEWAY:

- **Cell phones, eye glasses, hearing aids:** Put cell phones in Lions Club's cubby in Administration. Eye glasses & hearing aids go in a Lions Club collection box next to bins for medications and needles.
- **Medications & medical sharps (needles, syringes, lancets, scalpels):** Put in the bin in Gateway lobby. Follow instructions for disposal.
- **InkJet & toner cartridges:** The Computer Club at Gateway accepts small amounts.

## GOODWILL or other THRIFT SHOP:

- **Books & DVDs** (*also see LIBRARY*)
- **Clothes or Cloth**
- **Collectibles**
- **Housewares**
- **Furniture, small**
- **Medical equipment**

## HAZARDOUS:

If you have proof of residency, Central Contra Costa Sanitary Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility (4797 Imhoff Pl, Martinez, 9am-4pm, Monday through Saturday) accepts:

- **Aerosol can**
- **Ammunition & fireworks**
- **Automotive products**
- **Batteries**
- **Cooking oil** (*in sealed container*)
- **Fluorescent lamps & light bulbs**
- **Gardening chemicals**
- **Household cleaners & solvents**
- **Mercury thermometers**
- **Paint**
- **Propane cylinders**
- **Tires**
- **Unused matches**

HAUL to CCTF: Contra Costa Transfer Station, our “dump” (951 Waterbird Way, Martinez, daily 7am-5pm) accepts **bikes, rugs, furniture, sand, concrete, rocks, construction debris** & more.

ILR (INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCES in Concord) or GOODWILL: Accepts and loans out **medical equipment**, everything from hospital beds to walking canes.

LIBRARY: **Books & DVDs** (*in good condition*)

MOD RECYCLE YARD: Only residents can bring **recyclable debris** to MOD on Rockview Drive, 8am-12pm or 12:30pm-4:30pm, Monday through Saturday. Residents, family and contractors must haul away all other move-in, move-out and remodel waste. *If you see this debris in a trash enclosure, call MOD, (925) 988-7650 or, if after hours, Securitas, (925) 988-7899.* MOD accepts:

- **Batteries** (*household*)
- **Books** (*also see LIBRARY*)
- **Cardboard boxes**
- **Metal**
- **Solid wood products**
- **Some wood or metal furniture** (*no upholstery, no plate glass*)

RAPID RECYCLE: Call (925) 671-9008 for free pickup of small electronics with a cord or battery plus a microwave or larger appliance for a fee:

- **Appliance, lamp, other electronics**
- **Computer, keyboard, printer**
- **Metals, tools, wire, cables**
- **Television, monitor, vacuum cleaner**

TRASH HAULER: See ads in *Rossmoor News*.

USPS.COM: **Smoke detectors**: Mail to manufacturer. *USPS.com has addresses.*

[www.RecycleSmart.org](http://www.RecycleSmart.org): RecycleSmart, our solid waste authority, supplies free totes and compost pails. To get one, contact your mutual director.

Do NOT leave boxes or other items OUTSIDE containers!  
Your mutual can be charged extra!

## FOUR STEPS FOR EASY RECYCLING

### 1. Put everything loose in RECYCLE bins (except bags of shredded paper or plastic bags)

RECYCLE is picked up at no extra charge. But we are charged extra if items are bagged, sorted wrong, or overflowing. These charges increase our coupon!

### 2. Recyclables must be empty, clean and dry!

### 3. Only recycle 6 things – and only if empty, clean and dry:

- ❖ **HARD PLASTIC**
- ❖ **NO PLASTIC BAGS** (**unless knotted in a bag of bags**)
- ❖ **METAL**
- ❖ **GLASS**
- ❖ **PAPER**
- ❖ **FLATTENED CARDBOARD**

**Nothing else goes in recycle!**

### 4. Nothing smaller than a credit card!



Small items can jam machinery or end up in landfill.

## FOUR COMPOST TIPS

1. Wrap food scraps in newspaper or put in a paper bag or a BPI-certified compostable bag. *Helps prevent flies from laying maggot eggs and reduces odor.*
2. To absorb excess moisture, put 4-6 inches of dry leaves, pines needles, or newspaper in the bottom of an empty cart. Soiled napkins, paper towels and pizza boxes also absorb moisture and delay rotting.
3. Consider keeping your food scraps in the fridge or freezer until day before pickup.
4. If maggots or ants are a problem, spray rim, inside the lid, and the top surface with vinegar.

